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Cold enough for you? Here's how to survive it

Persistent frigid temperatures create dangers for cars, homes, people

Abigail Miller, left, and her brother Canaan Miller had the hills to themselves as they went sledding at Garfield Park on Tuesday. MATT KRYGER/INDYSTAR

Tim Lyon gets out of the wind by standing in a bus shelter in Fountain Square on Tuesday. He said he was on his way to go ice skating, but it was too cold. KELLY WILKINSON/INDYSTAR

Bert Williams sets up a warming center at the Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps site. KELLY WILKINSON/INDYSTAR

Vic Ryckaert and Justin L. Mack
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This cold is no joke.

Early morning temperatures Tuesday in Indianapolis tied a record of 12 degrees below zero set in 1887. The wind chill? Twenty-six below.

Twenty-six below!

Schools canceled classes. Indianapolis skipped trash pickup for the day. Ice rinks in Carmel and Noblesville said they were going to sit this one out.

The worst might be over, according to the National Weather Service, but expect bitterly cold wind chills as low as 20 degrees below zero at times Wednesday night through Saturday morning. A host of troubles — dead car batteries, frozen pipes, broken furnaces and frostbite risk — will persist until Sunday's balmy 35 degrees arrives.

Here's what such cold can do and how best to avoid the dangers.

Dead battery

The AAA Hoosier Motor Club, which provides service to 50 of Indiana's 92 counties, averages about 650 calls for roadside assistance during

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"Not a whole lot of homes here in Indiana are designed for negative-10 degrees."

Chad Peterman
Co-owner of Peterman Heating & Cooling in Indianapolis

Christmas market leader hires husband for $40K in Carmel

Chris Sikich
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CARMEL – As larger-than-expected crowds flocked to the city's Christmas market last month, the Christkindlmarkt director hired her husband for $40,000 to help run the event.

The board of Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Inc., the nonprofit that runs the German-themed market, voted unanimously Dec. 5 to increase Maria Murphy's annual contract to $160,000 so she could hire Brian Murphy.

Mayor Jim Brainard and board chairman Dan McFeely said they knew Murphy intended to hire her husband and they had no issue with it. While it was the board's decision, Brainard said he was consulted as a courtesy.

Ice skaters go for a spin at Carmel's Christkindlmarkt on Nov. 29.
ROBERT SCHEER/INDYSTAR

"It makes sense," Brainard said. "The crowds were far, far in excess of what's been projected."

The nonprofit's contract to run the event is with M2M Consulting, a limited liability company Maria Murphy formed for tax and business purposes. The mayor and McFeely likened it to a small business run by a family.

"It's surprising to some people to find out many small businesses, especially when they first start out, are a husband and wife team," McFeely said. "We didn't see anything unusual about this at all."

While the Christmas festival has drawn large crowds, some Carmel residents question how much money the city is spending. Gregg Feigh said the market clearly has been successful, but he'd like to see a full accounting of what is happening financially.

"How can we hire someone with no event experience to run a one-month market for $120,000 a year plus travel expenses," he asked, "and then she hires

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Colts general manager Chris Ballard, left, is looking for a new coach.
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Decision time for the Colts

Here's who the Colts are looking at for their coaching vacancy, and what that says about the job. Plus, nine roster issues general manager Chris Ballard needs to address. **1C**

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